



HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY UPDATE

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

FY 21-22 Lottery Funding:

Lottery Surplus		
CHE	LIFE	\$236,771,166
CHE	Palmetto Fellows	\$71,173,280
CHE	HOPE	\$10,371,104
CHE, SBTCE	Tuition Assistance	\$51,100,000
CHE	Need-Based Grants	\$60,000,00
CHE	SC National Guard Assistance Program	\$2,631,129
CHE	Transition Program Scholarships	\$750,000
CHE	HEEEP	\$11,927,526
CHE	SC State University Institutes of Innovation	\$750,000
CHE	Newberry Dyslexia Program	\$250,000
CHE	American College of the Building Arts Campus Upgrades	\$300,000
CHE	University Center of Greenville	\$380,000
Unclaimed Prizes		
CHE	HEEEP	\$6,072,474
CHE	PASCAL	\$1,500,000

New Provisos

- **11.20.** (CHE: Doctoral/Professional University Classification) In the current fiscal year, the Commission on Higher Education is directed to study and implement a classification system for South Carolina public institutions of higher education that includes a classification of a Doctoral/Professional University. Institutions in this classification shall have a mission or focus to advance the post-secondary educational opportunities for South Carolina citizens. These institutions shall be permitted to offer college-level

baccalaureate, master's, and no more than a combined five terminal professional or Ph.D. degrees that lead to continued education or employment.

- **117.152.** (GP: Transfer Student Credits) The Commission on Higher Education shall work in consultation with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the public institutions of higher learning to develop policies by March 1, 2022, to guarantee students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a public two-year institution of higher learning shall receive a minimum of sixty transfer credit hours at a public four-year college or university and shall be given a junior status at the college or university. Course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for awarding degrees shall still apply. Implementation of the provisions shall be effective beginning June 1, 2022.
- **117.153.** (GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) For the current fiscal year, permanent improvement projects, as defined in Title 2, Chapter 47 of the 1976 Code, where the cost is at least one million dollars but not greater than five million dollars for public research universities and not greater than two million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50, except that a project shall not be considered approved without an institution's governing board having first voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this provision to the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by September 30th of the current fiscal year.
- **117.163.** (GP: COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Restriction - Institutions) For the current fiscal year, state-supported institutions of higher learning that directly or indirectly receive funds appropriated or authorized through the general appropriations act shall be restricted from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for any student as a condition of enrollment, attendance at on campus instruction, or residence on campus. In instances of off-campus learning events for which third party program providers require proof of vaccination, the third party requirements shall apply.
- **117.167.** (GP: National Guard College Assistance Program) For Fiscal Year 2021-22, a member of the SC National Guard may qualify for college assistance program grants for more than one hundred thirty semester hours or related quarter hours. Service members shall be required to meet all other requirements.
- **117.176.** (GP: Longitudinal Funding Report) In the current fiscal year, the Commission on Higher Education shall work in consultation with the public institutions of higher education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to collect and analyze longitudinal state and federal funding data for these institutions. The Commission on Higher Education shall submit a report that includes for each public institution of higher education and technical college, at a minimum, state appropriation and federal formula-

based funding data in the aggregate and by full-time equivalent student to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than January 31, 2022.

- **117.190.** (GP: Masks at Higher Education Facilities) A public institution of higher learning, including a technical college, may not use any funds appropriated or authorized pursuant to this act to require that its students have received the COVID-19 vaccination in order to be present at the institution's facilities without being required to wear a facemask. This prohibition extends to the announcement or enforcement of any such policy.
- **118.18.** (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue): Provides maintenance funding for each public institution of higher education